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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 28: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING: SITUATION AS OF
1230 MARCH 28

1. AMBASSADOR JOVA SPOKE WITH SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT MARIO MOYA PALENCIA ABOUT 10:20 A.M. MARCH 28, PRINCIPALLY TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR CONGEN YELTON'S STATEMENT (SEPTEL) AND HE MADE MINOR BUT VERY USEFUL IMPROVEMENTS.

2. DURING COURSE CONVERSATION MOYA EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER MEDIA STORIES RE "U.S. AGENTS, AND HELICOPTERS" OPERATING WITHIN MEXICO IN CONNECTION WITH KIDNAPPING INVESTIGATION. HE SAID THAT USG KNEW, OF COURSE, THAT THESE STORIES WERE UNTRUE AND NOTED THAT HE HAD PUBLICLY DENIED THESE ACTIVITIES, BUT HE SIMPLY WISHED CONVEY GOM CONCERN ABOUT THESE RUMORS. AMBASSADOR AGREED AND REMINDED MOYA U.S. PERSONNEL HAD OPERATED ONLY WITHIN VERY LIMITED CONTEXT OF NOGALES HOTEL OPERATION AND THEN AT REQUEST OF GOM. MOYA AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NOGALES OPERATION WAS LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY IN WHICH USG RESPONDED TO GOM REQUEST.

2. HERMOSILLO REPORTED THAT CG YELTON READ STATEMENT 11:45 A.M. AND THAT STATEMENT WELL RECEIVED BY ASSEMBLED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES. USIS MEXICO HAS MADE CG STATEMENT AVAILABLE HERE.
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